

## RAC- V Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name:	Board
Meeting Date:	July 26, 2024
Meeting Place:	Starr County Memorial Hospital 128 FM 3167, Rio Grande City, Texas
Meeting attended by:	Carlos H Palacio MD, Wesley Milum, Michael Sanchez, Cat Domian, Jennifer Milum, Eira Romero, Kennetha Foster, Oziel Garcia, Aaron Lopes, Danny Ramirez, Rolando Ramirez, Eric Panzer MD, Rolando Guerrero
Proxy:	Wesley Milum for Rene Perez, Daniel Tuttle for Jeffrey Skubic, Victor Alanis for Kathleen Dassler, Rolando Ramirez for Lutano Villarreal, Carlos Palacio for Frank Torres, Carlos Palacio for John Hovorka
TRAC-V:	Nathan Ramon
Guests:	Carlos DeLeon (Lonestar Ambulance)

Agenda Item:	Discussion:	Action:
<b>Call to Order</b>		Dr. Palacio called the meeting to order at 11:05am.
<b>Introductions</b>	All board members introduced themselves.	
<b>Approval of minutes</b>		Danny Ramirez made a motion to approve the minutes for May 24, 2024, and June 5, 2024, with a second by Michael Sanchez. All in favor, motion carried.
<b>Financial Report</b>	Presented by Nathan Ramon due to the absence of Rene Perez.	See Management Report prepared on July 14, 2024, for period ending June 30, 2024. Wesley Millum made a motion to accept the financial report with a second by Michael Sanchez. All in favor, motion carried.
<b>Executive Directors Report</b>		<p>Status of SB8 report will be submitted to the State in the coming week.</p> <p>Working on year-end reports for review at Board Meeting on September 6, 2024, to be ahead of deadline of October to the State.</p> <p>Remaining TCAR funds to be spent are remaining. Have about 14 seats available. Course is online at your own pace. Discussion regarding how to attract more participants in the future.</p>

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		<p>ABLS course in August 13-15, 2024, for about 60 students will be about \$12,000.00. May still have some funds left over to use towards the possible registry costs. Do have additional people on a wait list.</p> <p>SB8- as of June 1, 2024, a balance of \$28,000.00 was reported at General Membership Meeting.</p> <p>Extended SB8 program - by coordinating funds from RACs J and K, total to date that has been requested and/or paid is \$207,000.00, covering 12 Paramedics, 29 AEMTs, and 10 EMTs. Should additional funds be available, additional applicants are in reserve at the TRAC-V office totaling \$64,800 covering 6 paramedics, 4 AEMTs, and 2 EMTs. TRAC-V will continue working with other RACs to utilize the remaining funds and sponsor local students.</p> <p>Symposium- discussions occurring with consideration of holding at the SPI Convention Center yet available dates are not conducive so may look at doing so in 2026. So signed a contract with the Courtyard by Marriott for May 1-3, 2025. Working with various committees to get ahead of speaker requests and agenda planning. Brochure being worked on along with video footage shot during 2024 Symposium.</p> <p>Pre-Hospital Committee- discussion regarding notification of emergency situations throughout the RGV. Discussion on utilization of Pulsara and its functionality like other RACs are using it. Pulsara is creating a test hospital and EMS account to allow Nathan to work towards using Pulsara for incident notifications. Some logistics to work through on how it would work with more details to come. Discussions</p>
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		<p>regarding the use of AI to develop the drills for such a situation.</p> <p>Discussion regarding Pulsara utilization as a part of the “participation” criteria for members of the RAC. Several EMS companies are currently not live with Pulsara. Factor may be training needs. Discussion about the functionality of Pulsara and how we can capitalize on its use. Request for Pulsara to give a report on usage to then discuss as a board prior to next Board meeting. Schedule meeting August 7, 2024, at 10am with Pulsara to review reports with the Board.</p> <p>Michael Sanchez made a motion to accept the ED report with a second by Dr. Panzer. All in favor, motion passed.</p>
<p><b>Discussion and Action Items</b></p>	<p>TRAC-V Data Registry Proposals</p>	<p>2 proposals- ESO and ImageTrend see attachments.</p> <p>ESO: \$403,410.00 total for 5 years. Includes professional services which is a dedicated individual to be available for problem solving/questions.</p> <p>ImageTrend: \$346,826.00 total for 5 years. Does not have professional services like ESO.</p> <p>Discussion that regardless of which vendor we select the EI funds we will receive will cover the cost each year minus about \$5,500.00 each year.</p> <p>Discussion regarding what other RACs are using a registry vendor.</p> <p>New State rules will dictate a need for TRAC-V to have a mechanism to collect data which would be provide accurate data to the State.</p> <p>ESO and ImageTrend would both be able to be used as the reporting body for all trauma registry programs not just a data reporting program to the State.</p>

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		<p>Discussion/question if we have any knowledge on which vendor is a superior product. Nathan feels both will give same result after reviewing presentations multiple times.</p> <p>Discussion about which vendor has the capability to grow with us over the next 5 years.</p> <p>If we select ESO we must indicate timelines on the contract as per input received by other users.</p> <p>Question brought up about leaving either vendor before the end of the 5 years would need to be put into the contracts if possible.</p> <p>Discussion about overall cost and what the cost is per year.</p> <p>ImageTrend continuum and data add-ons are not included in overall 5-year cost- would be additional yearly costs.</p> <p>Discussion about ensuring deadlines are outlined along with penalties assessed to vendor.</p> <p>Cat Domian made a motion to move forward with a contract with ESO to include detailed timelines, vendor penalties if timelines are not met, and contract termination verbiage with a second by Danny Ramirez. All in favor except Rene Perez' proxy (Wesley Millum) and Frank Torres' proxy (Dr. Palacio), motion passed.</p>
<b>Old Business</b>	None.	None.
<b>New Business</b>	TRAC-V Whole Blood Equipment Distribution Process	<p>Update on the Grant from the Moody Foundation. TRAC-V Whole Blood Agreement is attached for review. Target participants are EMS agencies who will want to participate. Discussion about MedCare and LoneStar EMS are already running with whole blood so would not need to apply.</p> <p>A maximum of 4 EMS providers can participate at this time due to current usage at downstream hospital(s).</p>

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		<p>Hospitals will need to review their contract with whoever supplies their blood products to see if it includes Low Titer O+ Whole Blood that's a 35-day shelf life.</p> <p>Equipment will be ordered and given out by the fall 2024. A one year annual report is due to the Foundation in May of 2025.</p> <p>Agreement is written to distribute the equipment in a fair and equitable manner.</p> <p>TRAC-V WB MOU was mirrored from STRACs which includes a transfusion record form that will be part of data submissions.</p> <p>Nathan will provide updates on RGV status of Whole Blood at Board and General Membership Meetings.</p>
<b>Open Forum</b>		<p>Dr. Palacio discussed that TRAC-V has a large cashe of unrestricted funds in the bank so would like to talk about a possible purchase of an office/building for the TRAC-V.</p> <p>Discussion about TRAV-V EMS membership rates and is there a need to review and potentially increase.</p> <p>Danny gave thanks for all agencies who assisted with Hurricane Beryl in the Houston area during EMTF deployment.</p>
<b>Next Meeting Date</b>	September 6, 2024, at Valley Regional Medical Center	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 1:18pm.	Danny Ramirez made a motion to adjourn with a second by Wesley Millum. All in favor, motion passed.